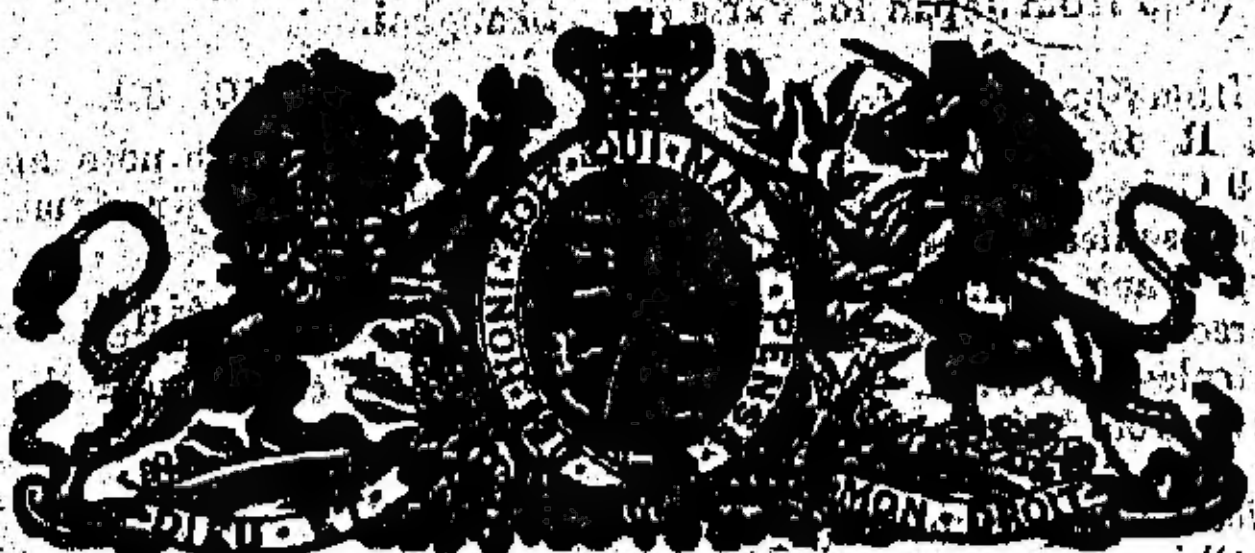


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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 138, Nassau Street.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORON, Melbourne and Sydney.
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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

COVER OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
E. R. BELLIOS, Esq. Hon. W. K. KENNEDY, Esq.
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. ADAM LIND, Esq.
WILHELM REIBER, Esq.
H. HOFFMANN, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER.
Shanghai, EMMET CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 3 " " "
" 12 " 4 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 18, 1878.

For Sale.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.
HAVE FOR SALE.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
AMERICAN COOKING & PARLOUR
STOVES.

FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.
Superior California LAMBSWOOL
BLANKETS.
FAIRBANK'S SCALES, from 400 lb.
to 5,000 lb.
BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CAR-
PETS, various patterns.
VELVET and TAPESTRY SOFA
CARPETS and RUGS.
DOOR MATS.
HORSE BLANKETS.
Central, and Pin-fire CARTRIDGE
CASES.
GUN-WADS, PERCUSSION CAPS.

STATIONERY, of every description.
BOOKS.
WORKS OF REFERENCE.
NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS.
SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.

French APPLES, and LEMONS.
SALMON BELLIES, in Kits.
MACKEREL, TONGUES & SOUNDS.
Family, PIG PORK, and Prime Meat
BEER, in Kegs 25 lb. each.
CAYENNE, BARBELLES, and Spiced
ANCHOVIES.
Prime American BACON and HAMS.
Cutting's JAMS and JELLIES Assorted.
GRAHAM FLOUR, CORN MEAL,
RYE MEAL, &c., &c.
Canned Dessert FRUITS.
Compressed CORNED BEEF, and
BEEF, TONGUES.
PICKLED SALMON, in Quantities to
suit Purchasers.
CANNON & BLACKWELL'S OILMAN'S
STORES, of every kind; Fresh Supplies
received by every Steamer.
CLARET in Cask, (Bordeaux), Superior
Quality.
BARCLAY PERKIN'S PORTER, in Hogs-
heads and Kilderkins.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by E. & J.
Burke, in Pints and Quarts.
Bass' PALE ALE, Bottled by Cameron
and Galloway, in Pints and Quarts.
&c., &c., &c.
Hongkong, January 8, 1878.

COAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM
COAL for Sale, ex Godown.
Apply to
BATTLE & CO.
Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
TUESDAY,
the 19th February, 1878, at 2 o'clock
p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, —
An Invoice of CHINESE and
JAPANESE WARE, comprising:
Bronzes, Porcelain Vases and Cups, Tea
Sets, Ornaments, Lacquered Cabinets,
Boxes, Plates and Stands, Tortoise-shell
Ware, Ivory Inlaid Cabinets, Inlaid
Handkerchief Boxes, &c.
Assorted Silk Handkerchiefs, Em-
broidered Caps and Cushions, Grape
Shawls and Scarves, Black and Coloured
Silks, &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
All Lots, with all faults and errors of
description, at purchasers' risk on the fall
of the hammer.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, February 14, 1878. fe19

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received in-
structions to sell by Public Auction,
at the Godowns of Messrs OLYPHANT
& Co., Wanchi, on
WEDNESDAY NEXT,
the 20th Instant, at 11 o'clock a.m., —
A Quantity of ANTHRACITE EGG
COAL.
Ex "John Potts."
In Lots to suit Purchasers.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.
HUGHES & LEGGE,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, February 18, 1878. fe20

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
have received instructions to sell
by Public Auction,
On a Date hereafter to be named,
The British Bark
"ALPHINGTON,"
of 326 Tons Register, or of about 8,000
cubits Carrying Capacity, with all her
TACKLE, APPAREL and INVENTORY.
The Vessel was Built under Lloyd's
special survey at Berwick-on-Tweed in
1866, Classed 12 years A. 1. at Lloyd's
and continued in 1868 A. 1. for 8 years.
She was Remastered over Felt in Lon-
don in July, 1875.
TERMS.—One-third of the purchase
money to be paid on fall of the hammer,
the remainder upon Transfer being
effected. The Vessel is at Purchaser's
risk immediately after fall of hammer.
Hongkong, January 23, 1877.

Intimations.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY OF THE
UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.
SAMUEL BORROW, Secretary.
A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for
China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE.

120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.
Assets.....\$31,700,000
Surplus.....\$ 5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong, China, for the
above Company, are prepared to Accept
Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon
terms very favourable to the assured.
For full information and particulars,
apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

G. FALCONER & Co.,
WATCH and ORONOMETR
MANUFACTURERS,
AND
JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.
46, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, August 20, 1877. fe20

AFONG.

PHOTOGRAPHER,
by appointment, to
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
Governor of HONGKONG;
and to
H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS
OF RUSSIA.

Has on hand the Largest and Best
collection of Views of China, Pho-
tographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of
assorted sizes. Ex E. S. T. Revolving
Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms
and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather
Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and
Frames, also Albums for Cabinet Portraits
only, Portraits of the Generals of the pre-
sent Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British
Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors,
to Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes.
Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.
Hongkong, August 29, 1877.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

GENERAL STOREKEEPERS
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.
NEWS AGENTS.
AUCTIONEERS.

Agents for

THE LONDON AND CHINA EXPRESS.
THE OVERLAND MAIL.
THE HOME NEWS.

General Commission Agents.

Commissions and Orders from the Coast
and Out-ports attended to with care
and promptness.

Hongkong, February 9, 1878.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 8% or
\$2.25 per SHARE, declared at the
Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Share-
holders held this Day, will be Payable at
the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING COR-
PORATION on and after MONDAY, the 25th
Instant.
Shareholders are requested to apply at
the Office of the Company for Warrants.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 25, 1878.

NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the JURY LIST for 1878,
is posted at the SUPREME COURT
House for inspection.
Notice of any inaccuracies, Omissions,
Objections, &c., must be given to the
Registrar of the Supreme Court on or
before FRIDAY, the 15th day of February,
A.D. 1878, in accordance with the pro-
visions of Section 8 of Ordinance No. 11
of 1864.

It is further notified, that no person
whose name is on the List as a Juror will
be excused from Service on the ground of
any exemption to which he may be entitled,
or on the ground of any want of qualifica-
tion, unless such exemption shall have been
claimed and established, or such want of
qualification shall have been duly proved,
at or before the time above specified.

O. B. PLUNKET,
Registrar.

Hongkong, February 4, 1878.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.
TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of
the HONGKONG HOTEL, the pre-
sent Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st
August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be
sent in on or before the 31st March,
1878, to the Secretary of the Hongkong
Hotel, CONTRACTOR, LIMITED, who will supply
any information required.

By Order of the Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, September 18, 1877. sp1

A CARD.

D. W. C. EASTLAKE, Dentist,
can be Consulted at his Rooms,
No. 14, Alexandra Terrace, daily from
10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Hongkong, February 5, 1878. mo5

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. ROGERS begs to say that he has
RETURNED, and is now ready to
receive Patients.
Hongkong, November 27, 1877.

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,
Coal Merchants,
Have always on hand for Sale every
description of COAL at Moderate Prices.
Mr. Austin has been appointed Manager,
and all Orders addressed to him at 57,
Prayer Street, will receive immediate atten-
tion.
Hongkong, March 19, 1877. mo19

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN of CAPITAL at
the Rate of FIVE PER CENT. per
SHARE will be made to Shareholders of
record on the 1st October, Payable at the
Office of the Liquidators, on the 3rd Inst.
Warrants will be delivered by the Under-
signed to Shareholders or their lawful
representatives on presentation of Share
Certificates for Endorsement.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 5th
Instant, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.
Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-
year ending 31st December last, at
the rate of (\$1.50) ONE POUND STERLING
per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and
after FRIDAY, the 15th Current, at the
Office of the Corporation, where Share-
holders are requested to apply for Warrants.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL
EXHIBITION SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL FLOWER and VEGE-
TABLE SHOW will be Held in the
PUBLIC GARDENS on FRIDAY, the 22nd,
and SATURDAY, the 23rd February.
ADMISSION.
FIRST DAY..... ONE DOLLAR.
SECOND DAY..... FIFTY CENTS.
Payment at the Gates, or Tickets may
be had of MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Any information required by intending
Exhibitors can be obtained by applying to
W. M. B. ARTHUR,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, February 7, 1878. fe28

WANTED.

TO RENT from the 1st of MARCH for
a month or two, A FURNISHED
HOUSE on the Hill, if possible with
Garden.
Address: "Furnished House," care of
Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.
September 15, 1877.

To Let.

SMALL GODOWN in DUNDRELL STREET.
Apply to
KYLE & BAIN,
Ice House.
Hongkong, February 7, 1878. mo7

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central,
with Godowns attached.
House No. 2, Peddar's Hill.
House No. 2, Seymour Terrace.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

TO LET.

THE Dwelling House and Office No. 1,
D'Almeida Street, lately in the occu-
pation of Messrs DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
Three Offices, in Club Chambers,
The Bungalow No. 1, Old Bailey Street.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, February 6, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).
The Steamship
"SIN NANZING"
will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 19th
Instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, February 18, 1878. fe19

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.
The Eastern and Australian
Steam Co.'s Steamer
"NORMANBY"
will be despatched as above
on or about the 20th Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 5, 1878.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

TO PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Aus-
tralian and New Zealand Ports, TAS-
MANIA, FIJI and NEW CALEDONIA.
The Australian Steam
Navigation Company's Char-
tered Steamship
"BERTHA"
will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the
2nd Instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GEO. H. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 1, 1878. fe28

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.
The Spanish Steamer
"EMUY"
Blanco, Master, daily expected
from Manila, will have im-
mediate despatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, February 16, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Company's Steamship
"TANANIS"
Comdt. DE LA MAREUILLE, will be
despatched for YOKO-
HAMA shortly after the arrival of the next
French Mail.
H. DU POUY,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 15, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Company's Steamship
"AMAZON"
Comdt. MORTENARD, will be
despatched for SHANGHAI
shortly after her arrival from Europe.
H. DU POUY,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 15, 1878.

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Steamship
"BUTUAN,"
will have immediate despatch
for the above Port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
J. Y. V. SHAW,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 4, 1878.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR VICTORIA (V. L.).
The A. 1. American S. M. Schooner
"MIGNON,"
Capt. SUTLEY, having the greater
portion of her Cargo engaged,
will have immediate despatch as above.
For Freight, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
Hongkong, February 9, 1878.

FOR LONDON.
The 100 A. 1. British Ship
"BROOMHALL,"
H. BARR, Master, will load
here and have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 7, 1878.

FOR LONDON.
(To follow the Broomhall).
The A. 1. British Ship
"FALCON,"
DAVID BARRY, Master, will load
here and have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, February 8, 1878.

FOR LONDON.
The A. 1. American Ship
"ALICE M. MINOTT,"
WILKINSON, Master, will have
quick despatch for the above
Port.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, February 8, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).
The A. 1. British Ship
"CITY OF HALIFAX,"
EVANS, Master, will load here
for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A. 1. American Bark
"B. T. WATSON,"
HAWKINS, Master, will load here
for the above Port, and will have
immediate despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.
The A. 1. German Bark
"NAGARA,"
WISNIEWSKI, Master, will load
for the above Port, and will
have immediate despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).
The A. 1. British Bark
"LADY BOWEN,"
FOX, Master, will load for the
above Port, and will have
quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR HAMBURG.
The A. 1. British Bark
"ANZIPODES,"
Captain WATSON, will load here
as above.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 28, 1878.

Intimations.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1865.

CAPITAL \$600,000, IN 6,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH (FULLY PAID UP).

Consulting Committee.

W. H. FORBES, Esq., W. RENNERS, Esq.,
F. D. SASSOON, Esq., LAI YUK SUN (of the
E. R. BEILSON, Esq., YOW-LOONG HONG).

Manager.

H. DICKIE, Esq.

General Agents.

Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Bankers.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Solicitor.

WM. H. BERRINGTON, Esq.

THIS Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring from the present Proprietors the PROPERTY, INTEREST, and GOODWILL of the CHINA SUGAR REFINERY at East Point, which for the past five years has been managed under the direction of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON and COMPANY, comprising the LAND and BUILDINGS occupied by the Refinery, and the PLANT, MACHINERY, and STOCK-IN-TRADE therein, and of carrying on the Business of a Sugar Refinery in all its branches, for which complete facilities are now afforded not only in the Ground and Premises, Plant and Machinery referred to, but in the valuable Business and Connection possessed by the present Owners.

The above-mentioned Premises comprise, firstly, that Piece of Ground in GROUND, in Hongkong, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 231, with the MESSUAGES and BUILDINGS thereon, known as the Mint Premises; and those adjoining Pieces of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lots Nos. 470, 471, 515, 524, 588, and 748, with the MESSUAGES and BUILDINGS thereon, adjoining the said Marine Lot, portions of the premises occupied by the China Sugar Refinery of belonging thereto, and the PLANT, MACHINERY, FURNITURE, FITTINGS, and APPURTENANCES therein, now used by the China Sugar Refinery; secondly, that Piece of GROUND in GROUND in Hongkong aforesaid, with the MESSUAGES and BUILDINGS thereon, registered in the Land Office as Section A of Marine Lot No. 52, with the MESSUAGES and BUILDINGS thereon, being the remainder of the Premises comprising the said Refinery; and, thirdly, the STOCK-IN-TRADE, EXTRA PLANT, MACHINERY, GOODS, and ORNAMENTS, which are or will be in and about the said Premises and belonging to the Owners on the 28th day of February next. All the described Premises have been agreed to be sold to the Company by contract in writing dated the 24th day of January, 1878, made between the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION of the first part, Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., of the second part, and the above-named Committee for and on behalf of the Company of the third part; whereby it was agreed that without any further condition or agreement on the part of the Company or the Shareholders, the Premises firstly and secondly mentioned should be absolutely made over to the Company for the aggregate sum of \$425,000, made up as follows:—For the Premises firstly mentioned, the sum of \$300,000 to be paid to the first-mentioned party; for the Premises secondly mentioned, the sum of \$125,000 to be paid to the second-mentioned party. And as to the thirdly named Premises, the price payable for the same to the first-named party, to be ascertained by a valuation to be made on the 28th day of February next, the value thereof being now roughly estimated at \$100,000.

Mr. DICKIE, under whose able management the Works have been placed in their present efficient state, has offered his services to the Company as Manager, which have been accepted. Although it has been in contemplation for some years past to transfer the Property and Business of the present Proprietors to a Public Company, it was not thought prudent to do so until by such an experience of the working of the concern, as has been gained during the last three years, its future success should be assured.

The present Proprietors are prepared to hand over the Property and Business to the Company in a state of complete efficiency on the 1st of March next, and arrangements are being made to commence full work on that date.

The Business of the Company will be conducted by Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., as General Agents, assisted by a Consulting Committee.

It is intended that the whole of the Capital shall be called up as follows:—

\$25 per Share on allotment, or within 10 days thereafter.

\$75 per Share on 1st day of March, 1878, or within 10 days thereafter.

All Calls unpaid after these dates shall bear interest at 12 per cent. per annum.

The surplus Capital after payment of the Purchase Money of the Property as above-mentioned, estimated at about \$75,000, will be available for working the Business of the Company.

On half of the Shares have already been subscribed; the remainder are offered to the public. Applications for Shares, which should be in the annexed Form, will be received by the General Agents, up to the 30th day of February, 1878.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1878.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES ABOVE REFERRED TO.

Hongkong, 1st day of 1878.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

To Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents, hereby request that you will allot to

me the above Company, and agree to accept such Shares or any less number you may allot to me, and agree to pay the first Call of Dollars Twenty-five per Share, within ten days after allotment, and also the subsequent Call of \$75, and to subscribe the Articles of Association whenever required to do so.

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Blank Forms of Application for Shares may be had at the Office of the General Agents.

Intimations.

ESTATE OF DODD & Co.

AT the MEETING held on the 12th Instant at Messrs DODD & Co.'s Offices, the following RESOLUTIONS were carried:—

1. That the affairs of the said DODD & Co. shall be Liquidated by arrangement, and not in Bankruptcy.
2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he is hereby appointed Trustee.
3. That H. ASHENDEN and EDMUND PRAE be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Inspection.

All PAYMENTS on account of the Estate, it is requested, will be Paid to the order of the Undersigned.

F. CHOMLEY,

Trustee for the Estate of DODD & Co.

Amoy, January 14, 1878.

DODD & Co.'s ESTATE.

A FIRST DIVIDEND OF TWENTY Per Cent. will be paid at Amoy on the 20th Instant, at the Office of the Agents of the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

DEBTS not Proved before the 15th Instant will be excluded from the Dividend.

FRANCIS CHOMLEY,

Trustee.

Amoy, 5th Feb., 1878. 1c20

AH YON.

SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE.

No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

The Steamship "KWANGTUNG," Captain WESTON, will be dispatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 21st Instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co., Hongkong, February 18, 1878. 1c21

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG VIA SUEZ CANAL.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 17, Pernambuco, British steamer, 643, Hyde, Saigon Feb. 10, Rice.—Messrs J. & Co.

Feb. 17, Hailong, British steamer, 277, J. O. Abbott, Tamsui Feb. 14, and Amoy 15, Treasure and General.—DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.

Feb. 17, Sophie, German brig, 210, Dirige, Haiphong Feb. 1, Rice.—WILSON & Co.

Feb. 17, Hoehung, Chinese steamer, from Canton.

Feb. 17, Douglas, British steamer, 864, G. D. Pitman, Foochow Feb. 14, Amoy 15, and Swatow 16, General.—DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.

Feb. 17, Tanaka, French steamer, 1736, de la Marolle, Yokohama Feb. 21, Mail and General.—MESSAGERS MARITIMES.

Feb. 18, Yang-tai, French steamer, 2422, Rapetel, Shanghai Feb. 15, Mail and General.—MESSAGERS MARITIMES.

Feb. 18, Cheong Hook Kian, British str., 586, Fred. Webb, Singapore Feb. 5, and Saigon 12, General.—MAX HING CHAN.

Feb. 18, Hugon, French man-of-war, 1200, Calacoe, Manila Feb. 12.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 17, Chop Chung, for a Cruise.

17, Taiwan, for Swatow.

18, Cyphrus, for Saigon.

18, John Potts, for Takow.

18, Beethoven, for Chefoo.

18, Glenroy, for Shanghai.

18, Alaska, for Yokohama and San Francisco.

18, Hoehung, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Amie Florence, for Manila.

Stentor, for London, &c.

Trainton, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Douglas, from Coast Forts, Mr and Mrs Johnston, (Jeph. Morrison, Messrs

Northey, Craig, Groot, Steel, 3 Europeans and 287 Chinese deck.

Per Tanaka, from Yokohama, Messrs de Maraboy, Duplax, Mrs Denny and child, and 63 Japanese (steat from Japan for Paris Exhibition).

Per Yang-tai, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Messrs J. R. Brunley and servant, H. Forbes, and 9 Chinese; for Saigon, Mr. Fournier; for Marseilles, Messrs Blesley, G. A. Wheeler, Wang Ching Yang, E. Noble, S. Paterson, R. B. Paterson, V. Duval, John Sharples, and J. A. Repum.

Per Pernambuco, from Saigon, 6 Chinese.

Per Hailong, from Amoy, 3 Chinese.

Per Cheong Hook Kian, from Singapore and Saigon, 141 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Alaska, for Yokohama, Mrs Cowles, and 3 Steerage; for San Francisco, 3 Steerage, and 212 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Pernambuco reports: Light N.E. winds to Cape Verde, from thence to port fresh Northerly gales and high seas.

The British steamer Hailong reports: From Tamsui to Amoy experienced strong N.E. winds with high sea, and dull rainy weather. Amoy Breaker Point fresh N.E. breeze and dull cloudy weather, and thence to port light N.E. winds and dull cloudy weather. Steamer in Amoy Ajax, and H. I. O. M. S. Fethoo.

The German brig Sophie reports: In the gulf light variable winds, off the South of Hainan had a gale of wind commencing at East and veering round by N. to N.W. with a high crest sea. Remainder of passage strong monsoon to arrival.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Sin Nansing leaves for Shanghai.

Auction.

2 p.m.—Sale of Chinese and Japanese Ware, &c., at Mr Armstrong's Sale Rooms.

Meeting.

2.30 p.m.—Meeting of the Legislative Council.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, February 20:—

11 a.m.—Sale of Coal, at Messrs Olyphant & Co.'s Godowns, Wanchoi.

Normanby leaves for Port Darwin, &c., on or about this date.

THURSDAY, February 21:—

Daylight.—Kwangtung leaves for Coast Forts.

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Goods per Glenroy undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, February 22:—

Flower Show at the Public Gardens.

SATURDAY, February 23:—

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY.

The ordinary yearly meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company was held this afternoon (Feb. 18th) at the Company's Office, Club Chambers, under the presidency of Mr. Hopplius. Among those present were Messrs. Manger, Emory, Lind, Reimers, Deacon, Coxon, Mendel, Vaucher, Robinson, Linstead, and J. H. Cox.

The Secretary (Mr. Gillies) having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said: Gentlemen; the report and accounts having been in your hands several days, I hope you will allow me to consider them as read. I think we may be satisfied with the results of the last six months, which show, in spite of the keen competition with which the Company has had to contend and which is still going on, that the Company continues to make steady progress, and the Directors are very glad, feeling justified after the long pause, to again recommend the payment of a small dividend to the shareholders. We propose appropriating \$20,000 of the profits to pay the balance of debt due to the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, after which we shall only owe the comparatively small sum of \$26,000 to Her Majesty's Government, which is being paid off by instalments, and our interest account will therefore, owing to this, in future exhibit a considerable saving. The "suspense account" you see is debited with \$60,022.11, and this amount will be reduced to \$30,000 if the appropriations proposed meet with your approval. This account, as you are aware, arose not from any losses in the working of the Docks, but from the sale of the Whampoa property, by which our position has greatly improved, and I think we are allowed to treat it as an item of expenditure for the benefit of the Company, which may in fairness be distributed over several years. Considering, however, the generally satisfactory state of our affairs, I am sure that the account will not be of long duration. The negotiations with the Chinese officials at Canton to take over our stock at Whampoa have fallen through, and the same is now being transferred to Kowloon. I may state that it is fully worth the amount to us at which it stands in our books. The Docks and plant are most sufficient and in good working order. Since the commencement of the year we have done and have now still on hand a considerable amount of work, and I think we may, with confidence, look forward to a prosperous future. With these remarks I have great pleasure in proposing that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed, but before putting the motion to the vote I shall be glad to answer any question which you may wish to ask me.

No question being asked, the motion was seconded by Mr. Reimers and carried unanimously.

Mr. Manger proposed, and Mr. Mendel seconded, that Messrs. H. Hopplius and G. B. Emory be re-elected Directors.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Emory proposed, and Mr. Coxon seconded, that the appointment of Mr. Lind as Director be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Lind proposed, and Mr. Vaucher seconded, that Messrs. J. Robinson and T. G. Linstead be re-elected Auditors.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman: This is all the business before us; I thank you for your attendance. The dividend warrants will be ready on Friday next.

The proceedings then terminated.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The ninth ordinary meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, was held at the Office, Queen's Road, this afternoon (Feb. 18th), under the presidency of Hon. F. B. Johnson.

Among those present were Messrs. Nicolais, Manger, J. J. dos Remedios, Reimers, McEwen (members of the Committee), and Messrs. Dalrymple, Lind, Deacon, J. R. Hughes, Hopplius, Linstead, Murray, Vaucher, Coxon, Rademaker, and Jorey.

The Secretary (Mr. E. F. Alford) having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said: Gentlemen; the report of the Company has been in your hands now for several days, and if you will allow me to consider it as read, the meeting so far as the General Agents and Committee are concerned, will be of a purely formal character. We have to ask you to adopt the report and pass the accounts and resolutions of the usual nature. The shareholders are to be congratulated on the termination of another very successful year in regard to the collection of premia. The losses also are not larger, we believe, than those which appear in the report, and we hope that the increased bonus which we are enabled to give to contributors will stimulate the shareholders to renewed exertions during the ensuing year, so that the prosperity of the Company may be increased. With these remarks I have to move that the report and accounts, as now submitted, be adopted and passed, as now submitted.

The Chairman seconded the motion.

No questions being asked, the motion was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Lind proposed "that the usual remuneration be granted to the Consulting Committee."

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Deacon seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Dalrymple proposed "that the remaining members of the Consulting Committee, Messrs. J. J. dos Remedios, W. Reimers, and A. P. McEwen, be re-elected, and that Messrs. T. J. Jackson and C. D. Bottomley, be elected to the vacant seats."

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Lind moved that Messrs. A. Coxon and H. Smith be re-elected auditors.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman said: that closed the formal business of the meeting, and he had only to add that the dividend warrants would be issued on Tuesday, the 19th inst.

Mr. Manger said that it had been the custom to offer a gratuity to the Secretary of the Committee, and he had pleasure in moving that the sum of \$500 be voted to the gentleman who had acted in that capacity during the past year.

Mr. Coxon seconded the motion.

Mr. Alford returned thanks to the shareholders for the vote.

The proceedings then terminated.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)

Feb. 18, 1878.

Wong Acheung, a rice-pounder, was sent to 14 days' hard labour, for stealing a pair of shoes valued at 10 cents.

DRUNKENNESS.

John Dudge, and Joseph McMillan, privates of H.M.'s 74th Regiment, were charged with being drunk and violently assaulting a Chinese watchman, at Pun Lang Lane. When arrested they were very violent, and the assistance of two soldiers, besides a European and Indian Constable, was required to convey them to the Station. The 1st defendant said he was not drunk; he wanted to go into the lane to get a bed, and the watchman said something in Chinese and pushed him; he then struck the complainant in the mouth. The 2nd defendant said he did not strike the complainant, nor did he go into the lane. Mr. Russell fined them \$5 each, or 14 days' hard labour.

A "JOLLY LARK."

Peter Nelson, Albert Sandstrom, J. Peters, Charles Nelson, W. Drevling, L. Johnson, and C. Hansen, seamen American ship *Humboldt*, and Peter McDonald, private H.M.'s 74th Regiment, were charged as follows:—Chen Ahnua said he was master of a rice junk, and his junk and sampan were moored alongside Wanchai pier. The defendants went to the pier, and were all drunk. They got into his sampan although told not to do so, and pulled away. Complainant called to a police boat, and the police went after the sampan. There were only Chinese Constables in the police boat, and they made a rope fast to the sampan, intending to tow it back, but the defendants cut the rope. The sampan got partly filled with water, and the defendants took the constables' bamboo hats to bale the water out. Some of the defendants got into the police boat, but subsequently returned to the sampan and pulled away. The police boat then went for assistance, and the defendants were apprehended and the sampan restored to its owner.

The Chinese Constable in charge of the police boat stated, that not only did the defendants take the policemen's hats to bale the boat out, but they also took away one of the oars belonging to the police boat.

The defendants said that they gave an old jacket for the use of the sampan, when the police boat came and nearly capsized them. They baled the boat out and proceeded on their journey, when another boat came and they were apprehended.

Fined \$1 each, or 7 days' imprisonment.

MORE DRUNKS.

David Davis, seaman British ship *E. P. Bourne*, was fined 50 cents.

William McGowan, fireman S. S. Kien Tung, was fined 50 cents.

Henry Chester, seaman American ship *Minot*, was fined \$1 and ordered to pay 45 cents chair-hire.

Saban, seaman unemployed, was fined 50 cents.

Charles Martin, private H.M.'s 74th Regiment, was fined 50 cents.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Lau Aze, a hawk, was fined \$5 or 3 months' hard labour for being found in unlawful possession of ten piculs of coal.

Chan Ah, a coolie, (No. 699) was fined 5 shillings, or 7 days' imprisonment, for being in unlawful possession of a pair of shoes.

Li Ah, a coolie, was sent to 21 days' hard labour in default of a fine of 20 shillings, for being found in unlawful possession of a piece of wood.

Chan Ait, a coolie, was sent to four months' harbour for stealing a dollar from a money-changer's stall, in Queen's Road Central.

In Aki, a turner, was sent to 3 months' hard labour, for stealing a bed-quilt.

Chan A On, a hawk, was committed for trial on a charge of stealing four jackets from a dwelling house. Several previous convictions were proved against him.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honor Mr. Justice Snowdon.)

Feb. 18, 1878.

CUTTING AND WOUNDING.

Regina v. Annie Schiffer.

The prisoner, a coloured woman, pleaded guilty to cutting and wounding one Sheik Baboojee, on the 31st December last, with whom she had been living. The prisoner said she was drunk at the time, and in the course of a quarrel, she threw a plate at the man.

Dr. Pollock was asked as to the nature of the man's wounds.

Sentence reserved.

She was to all intents and purposes a slave, and the ordinance did not apply.

The Attorney General said he had felt some difficulty in framing the indictment. His Lordship then directed a verdict of not guilty to be returned, and the prisoners were discharged with a caution.

LARCENY, &c.

Regina v. Lee Aitak.

The prisoner pleaded guilty to stealing a jacket and to several previous convictions. Sentence reserved.

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS.

Regina v. Wong Ayea.

The prisoner was indicted for receiving one \$100 note stolen from the Rev. Father Vignoz. The Rev. Father had had five \$100 notes stolen from him by his servant in September last, and from information received, the Police traced one of these notes to the possession of the prisoner, who admitted that the note was lent him by a boy named Atuk. There was a woman arrested also, but she was not indicted by the Attorney General.

The prisoner was found guilty, and sentence was deferred.

LARCENY, &c.

Regina v. Lam Aikwa.

The prisoner pleaded guilty to stealing one gold hair-press, three gold hair-pins and other jewellery, the property of one Chun Yau Sui on the 22nd January last. The prisoner also pleaded guilty to one previous conviction in the Supreme Court. It appeared that on the 18th September last he was sent to two years' hard labour, but was pardoned on the 1st December by H. E. the Governor for the services he rendered in nursing the sufferers by the Yesso explosion.

Sentence reserved.

RETURNING FROM DEPORTATION.

Regina v. Long Ahnua.

The prisoner pleaded guilty to having returned from deportation. He was prohibited from residing in the Colony for five years by order of H. E. the Governor in September 1876.

Sentence deferred.

LARCENY AND RECEIVING.

Regina v. Wong Aituk and Anr.

The prisoner Wong Aituk was indicted with stealing one silver watch and appendages belonging to one Ng Yew Ting, and the second prisoner Sew Aki, with receiving.

The first prisoner pleaded guilty, but the second prisoner said the watch was lost to him by the first prisoner in gambling, and that he did not know that it was stolen property.

After evidence was taken, the second prisoner was found not guilty.

LARCENY AND RECEIVING.

Regina v. Thos. Lewis and Low Ahnua.

The first prisoner was indicted for stealing a watch and a gold ring from one George Gaudier on board the steamer *Chinkiang*, and second prisoner for receiving the same.

The first prisoner pleaded guilty, while the second was defended by Mr. Ng Choy.

Mr. Hayler, who officiated for Attorney General, thought it not worth while to proceed with the case against the second, and entered a *nolle prosequi*.

Mr. Ng Choy observed that in his opinion the evidence was not sufficient for a conviction.

The second prisoner was then discharged, and the sentence on the first was reserved, as there were previous convictions against to which he pleaded guilty.

The Court was then adjourned till tomorrow at 10 a.m., when Sir John Smale will sit till 1 p.m.

INQUEST.

An inquest was held to-day, at the Government Civil Hospital, on the body of a European named John Haydon, boatswain of the British steamer *Strathgairn*, before James Russell, Esq. (the Coroner).

The following gentlemen comprised the Jury: Messrs J. A. Moseley, W. Ross, and W. S. Ramsay.

Dr. Wharry sworn, said the deceased was brought to the Hospital at midnight, and he examined the body this morning. It had been dead about 12 hours. There was a compound fracture on the top of the skull, from which death had apparently resulted.

There were no other marks of violence on the body. Such a fracture might have been caused by a fall from a height.

William Thomas Clark, the 3rd officer of the *Strathgairn*, said the vessel was at the Kowloon Dock. The deceased was named John Haydon, a native of England, and aged about 36. He was boatswain on board the *Strathgairn*. He must have fallen into the dock about a quarter past 8 o'clock. The engineers came on board about this time; the 3rd engineer being a little worse for drink, the second engineer was trying to get him on board; the boatswain, who had been in the company, gave the watchman a rubber car wheel, and the 3rd as he (witness) could understand took charge of the 3rd engineer. When the second engineer got on board he said: "Where is the boatswain?" Witness went on the gangway to look for him, and when he got about two-thirds of the way across the gangway, the watchman cried out "There he is in the dock." Witness went into the dock and found the deceased quite dead.

Robert Henry Salmon, the 2nd engineer, sworn, stated—Myself, the deceased, and the 3rd engineer were in town yesterday. Deceased drank during the day with us. We got back to the docks about 8 o'clock. The boatswain was not what you might call the worse for drink; he was "fresh."

The 3rd engineer was drunk. I was not; I had been drinking, but the drink did not take effect. To state the case plainly, I left the boatswain and the 3rd engineer in the charge of a black policeman at the shore end of the gangway, whilst I went on board to deliver some things I had with me. I returned, and the boatswain was still on shore. I took the 3rd engineer on board—he was very drunk—and told the boatswain to wait till I returned. The boatswain said, "No, I was very busy at the time taking care of the 3rd engineer, he was very drunk, and I did not follow the boatswain's movements further. When I got on board I asked the watchman if he had seen the boatswain, and he said 'No.' I said, 'By God, he must have fallen into the dock.' Search was at once instituted,

and his body found in the dock quite dead. I and the 3rd mate carried the body to the head of the dock, and from thence on board. The deceased was not a habitual drunkard; he drank a little occasionally.

The Jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FIRE ALARMS.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong 16th February, 1878.

Sir,—May I ask you to reproduce the following particulars of the system of giving alarm adopted in San Francisco, which were furnished to me when passing through that city a few years ago by Mr. S. D. Field, brother of Cyrus Field, of the Atlantic Telegraph?

The system comprises one Central Office, six Bell Towers, seventy Signal Stations, sixteen Gonges, and forty miles of House-top Telegraph Wire. Of this wire about 25 miles belong to the signal circuits, on which an alarm is conveyed to the Central Office, the remainder compose the alarm circuits, and it is over these wires that the impulses of electricity producing blows upon the gongs and bells are transmitted. The 16 gongs are located in the various engine and hose houses, all being connected with the Central Office. The alarm bell towers are so placed that their sound can be heard throughout the City.

The 70 signal stations are so arranged that one of them can be reached in any direction within two hundred yards. A station consists simply of a cottage-shaped cast-iron box connected with the Central Station by two wires, threaded through gas pipes, and fastened securely to the building on which the "station" is fixed. A responsible tenant of this or the adjoining property is entrusted with the key, a direction on the box indicating where he may be found. Keys are also furnished to citizens on application and to the Police and officers of the Fire Brigade. The Station keys are duplicated so that any one will open all locks.

Supposing that a fire breaks out in the neighbourhood of California and Drummond streets, a policeman, or some other, opens the box and turns rapidly the little crank handle which it contains; thus, in a moment, calling attention to number 32 on the register at the Central Office. This is taken as evidence by the operator on duty that a fire has broken out. He then, by a simple piece of mechanism called a repeater, causes three separate impulses of electricity to pass out over the alarm wires connected with every bell and gong in the system, producing one blow for each impulse. He pauses for five seconds and then transmits two more. Representing the blows by dots, signal 32 must appear thus: . . . five seconds . . . then, after a pause of thirty seconds, . . . again.

The Brigade are furnished with pocket cards containing the numbers of the station boxes, and their several locations. Thus, by counting the blows upon the bell, and then consulting his card, any one would be able to ascertain the exact position of the fire.

It frequently happens that the alarm throughout the circuit of the City is struck within 30 seconds from the opening of the signal station; and in no case has it ever exceeded one minute, and in nine cases out of ten before any light has been visible from the most elevated portions of the City. The bells and gongs are struck by clock work, impelled by heavy weights, and liberated by the electric current.

No inconvenience is found to result from crowding caused by this extreme publicity, very many persons being indifferent to the attractions of a fire, upon ascertaining that it is at a distance and knowing its precise locality.

The Staff employed, consists of—

1 Superintendent, salary \$1,800
9 Operators, at \$200 each 1,800
1 Repeater, 1,200

Annual Salaries, \$3,000

The cost of all repairs, including extensions, additional signal stations, as the city increases, stations, bells, &c., does not exceed \$3,000 yearly, making a total annual expenditure of \$6,000.

The cost of apparatus (exclusive of patent rights) was as follows. From this a deduction of 50 per cent might be made upon all instruments manufactured in England, these being the prices of the best possible apparatus made in San Francisco. The instruments found best adapted to the purpose are made by Siemens Bros., of London, and Edmunds and Hamblett of Boston.

40 miles of House-top Telegraph, at \$75, \$3,000
70 Signal Stations, at \$110, . . . 7,700
6 Large Bells, at \$800, . . . 4,800
6 Striking Apparatus, at \$500, . . . 3,000
16 Gonges, at \$100, . . . 1,600
Apparatus at Central Office, . . . 1,675
Incidental Expenses, 1,000

\$23,775

Recent improvements diminishing cost by—1,709

Total cost, \$22,066

The signal boxes are 1½ by 1 foot by 4 inches deep. The striking apparatus requires a room, directly underneath the bell, not smaller than 10 feet square. A room 20 feet square is suitable for a Central office.

The stables for the horses are generally immediately adjoining the engine-house. The horses are kept with their harness on; and many of them, at the sound of the gong, turn round and take their places on either side of the engine wagon pole. The attendant has only to light the fire already laid; hitch the horses and start for the station indicated by the beats upon the gong. As the water is always kept hot by a gas jet, and the fire draught quickened by the motion through the air, there is usually a good head of steam before the fire is reached; and the engine is at once attuned to the standing hydrant and pumps away.

During a month's sojourn in San Francisco I responded with all promptitude to no less than ten alarms of fire. In several cases I met the engines coming back, and in no case had the fire the slightest chance of making head, water being poured upon buildings from several steam-engines, within ten minutes of its first discovery.

Doubtless this perfected system has grown out of the exceptional misfortunes with which San Francisco was visited in former times, and those who have witnessed the three repeated destructions which Hongkong has suffered during the last twenty years from the same calamity would probably consider a similar appropriation of public money more than justified.—Yours, &c.

GRANTVILLE SHEAR.

China.

FOOCHOW.

(Herald, Feb. 7th.)

The British brig *Maid Marian* arrived in port on the 4th instant, and, we understand, reported an assault on the mate by one of the Malay crew. The officer in question is, we believe, in hospital, suffering from the effects of a wound on his hand and other parts of his body.

Yomusan Coal must be a profitable investment, if we may judge by its present enhanced price. It is now selling at \$10 per ton, as compared with \$6,—the ruling rate only a short time ago—yet we are told that the Chinese are opposed to the development of—shall we say price?

Rice is now slightly cheaper, but the present unsettled weather is said to be causing great uneasiness in the minds of agriculturists, who however (as in the matter of the proposed race-course) show no disposition to part with their land at even more than twice its ordinary market value.

We hear that the Chinese Pilot-boat, *Sze Dog*, belonging to this port, was driven on shore about a week ago, at Hsiping a place near Okkon island. On receipt of the intelligence at Pagoda Anchorage, an Arsenal gunboat was immediately despatched to the scene of the accident, and succeeded, we believe, in rescuing the distressed craft.

Ting Fatai is, we hear, expected to arrive at this port, from his ancestral home near Swatow, early next month. His Excellency will, we are given to understand, meet with a cordial welcome at the hands of the population generally, with whom he is deservedly a great favorite. But from the official class and gentry, who have, it is said, been intriguing to bring about his ejection from office, he will, we may rest assured, receive only the bare outward show of respectful politeness.

The Committee appointed at the late General Meeting of residents favorable to the purchase of a Race-Course have, we are glad to observe, lost no time in submitting a definite financial project. It is stated that a sum of not less than \$15,000 is required to cover cost of ground, and expenses of raising, levelling, draining, &c., &c. This sum it is proposed to obtain by the issue of debentures of \$50 each, on which interest will be paid at the rate of 8 per cent per annum. We believe that the entire amount named has been subscribed, though there is said to be a hitch in the negotiations.

A strange native source we learn of a strange plot, having for its object the assassination of the high officials of this province on the morning of the New Year Day. The conspirators were, our informant states, composed of disaffected soldiers, forming part of the city garrison; and the idea was to attack the Viceroy, Acting-Governor, and Provincial Judge, while worshippers, in accordance with ancient custom, at the Temple of Heaven, on that day. Fortunately, one of the ring turned traitor, and the present able and progressive high functionaries of an ancient and enlightened régime were spared; let us trust, distinguish themselves further afield. Instant decapitation was the fate of at least one conspirator.

In our last issue we referred to a recent mutiny on board the American barque *B. Aymar*. Our statement to the effect, that the mutineers had been arrested by the United States Consul at this port and handed over to the Chinese authorities for trial, was in part inaccurate, inasmuch as the United States Consul has, we understand, claimed sole jurisdiction in the case, and has tried and passed judgment on all the men implicated, except one,—who has escaped from the ship, and is now, we believe, harboured by certain Chinese officials. The *B. Aymar* is from Manila, bound to Shanghai. She met with heavy weather, lost her sails, and ran short of provisions about six weeks ago, when she went into Matsuo anchorage, where she remained for some time repairing. After another start for the north, she had again to put back, this time to the Middle Dog, where she anchored; here, we understand, she parted both cables and lost her anchors on or about the 22nd ultimo. Ultimately, canvas was set, but working to the northward, under heavy sail, (waiting for the Pilot-boat *Marie* to come up, in order that she might send into port for an anchor) she struck on an unknown rock, on which she remained for a few minutes, when, the tide rising, she floated off. The bearings of this rock are said to be as follows:—Sea Dog Islet, S. E. by E. ½ East; Square Rocks, North by West,—or about 2½ miles from No. 1, or the Outer Buoy; and is, we are informed, in the direct track of vessels leaving this port for the north. It was while the vessel laboured under these difficulties that the Chinese crew, who it is alleged had partaken freely of *samsu*, refused to work at the pumps, and attacked the ship's officers.

WRECK OF THE "KIANG-CHANG."

A marked exemplification of the old adage that "misfortunes never come singly" has just been afforded the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company in the wreck of their river steamer *Kiang-chang* (late *Szechuen*) following within a few days of the loss of the *Hsueang*, already announced in our columns. It was, indeed, while an investigation into the circumstances of the loss of the *Hsueang* was taking place, that the news of the wreck of the *Kiang-chang* arrived. She left Shanghai at daylight on the 1st inst. for Hankow, under the command of Captain Friend, and made a favourable passage until beyond Kinkiang.

Between four and five o'clock on Monday morning the 4th inst., when, as we understand, there was nothing exceptional in the weather, she struck heavily on the rocks at Fongshui Bluff, down on the chart as the Hsien and Chikien Rocks; and it was at once apparent that the damage she had sustained was too great to keep her afloat for any great length of time. All efforts were consequently directed to saving life.

The boats were lowered, and the crew and passengers, numbering altogether about 80 persons, were transferred from the steamer to the South Bank. This work was vigorously prosecuted, much to the credit of the Captain and his officers; otherwise many lives would doubtless have been sacrificed; for about twenty minutes after the steamer first struck the rock, the fore part of the vessel settled below the water; and forty minutes afterwards her stern went down also, and nothing then remained visible but her masts, smoking stacks, walking beam, and a portion of the upper deck. At this time it was thought that all persons on board had been saved, and a house was taken on shore for their accommodation. Subsequently, however, it was found that the *Sumner's* *reel*, a native, was missing.

and it is supposed that he was drowned in his eagerness to save his own personal effects, or that the gully door was forced to by the water and prevented his escape with the remainder of the crew. This, so far as we could hastily gather yesterday afternoon, is briefly the account of the total wreck of one of the largest and newest steamers running on the river.

Immediately on the occurrence taking place, Captain Friend despatched a messenger to Hankow for assistance. The Company's steamer *Kiangching*, Captain Paul, was in port at the time the messenger arrived, and at once steamed down to the wreck, arriving there about eleven o'clock the same night. Measures were then taken to save as much of the cargo of the *Kiangching* as could be reached; but it was impossible to make much progress, and though the operations were continued until three o'clock the following afternoon, very little cargo was saved. However, being Chinese New-Year holidays, the ill-fated vessel had only a little over one thousand packages of cargo on board, and her treasure hold was empty; so the loss in this respect will not be so great as it doubtless would have been at any other season of the year.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Hongkong, February 1, 1878.

Hongkong, January 1, 1974.

Hong Kong, October 14, 1949.

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.								
Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Audacious	6 d	British	Iron-clad (flag-ship)	6034	14	800	Dec. 10	F. Durrant
Curlew	6 h	British	gun vessel	774	3	180	Dec. 11	E. J. Church
Grosvenor	6 c	British	gun vessel	454	3	120	Feb. 15	C. B. D. Wilkes
Hol Chong Ching	6 c	Chinese	revenue cruiser	500	3	30	Mar. 14	Mow Yee Kai
Lapwing	7 c	British	gun vessel	774	3	180	Dec. 9	W. B. Scott
Magpie	7 h	British	gun vessel	774	3	180	Feb. 18	Herst, J. G. Garbutt
Moonstone	6 c	U. S.	military hospital	2591	...	...	...	...
Monoway	6 c	U. S.	cruiser	786	...	...	Feb. 16	G. W. Sumner
Ranger	6 c	U. S.	gun vessel	541	5	800	Feb. 11	H. D. Manley
Swinger	6 h	British	gun vessel	408	2	60	Feb. 18	O. P. Tudor
Tennessee	6 c	American	flag-ship	2840	...	...	Jan. 21	J. Young
Victor Emmanuel	6 c	British	Commander's flagship	3087	14	Commander Watson
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Groveler	6 0	British	gun vessel	484	4	120	Feb. 8	C. E. D. Wilcox
Hoi Chong Ching	6 0	Chinese	steam-tug	800	8	30	Feb. 14	Mow Wing Lai
Lepanto	7 0	British	gun vessel	774	2	180	Dec. 9	W. S. Scott
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Banger	6 1	British	gun vessel	408	1	60	Feb. 11	O. P. Tudor
Tenabree	6 0	American	flag-ship	2640	Jan. 21	J. Young
Victor Emmanuel	6 0	British	Commodore's flagship	3087	14	Commodore Watson
Vigilant	7 1	British	dispatch vessel	560	2	250	Jan. 29	La-Com. Anneloy